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In re Application of

Hiroyuki SHIROTA

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Examiner: Della J. Rutledge

For: PATTERN WRITING APPARATUS AND PATTERN WRITING METHOD

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

<u>Transmitted</u> herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	20	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
		Multiple dependent claims newly presented			\$0.00
		Fee for extension of time			\$0.00
					\$0.00
		Total of Above Calculations			\$0.00

П Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of X extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 7, 2006.

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 remain pending. Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the following comments is respectfully solicited.

The courtesy of Examiner Rutledge during the interview of September 5, 2006 is appreciated. In that interview, applicant provided explanation of the subject matter of independent claims 1 and 11, with identification of relevant portions of the specification and drawings, as presented in the remarks below. The differences between the claimed requirements and the applied Morita reference were clarified, also as set forth in the remarks below. Ms. Rutledge stated that she understood the distinctions presented, which would be considered when acting in response to the present Amendment.